

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicants amend claims 1 and 6 to more appropriately define the invention. With claims 2-4 and 7-9 having been previously canceled, claims 1, 5, 6, and 10 are pending.

In the Office Action of March 15, 2004¹, claims 1, 5, 6, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,198,479 to *Humpleman et al.* (“*Humpleman*”). Applicants traverse the rejection for the reasons discussed below.

In order to properly anticipate Applicants’ claimed invention under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), each and every element of the claim in issue must be found, either expressly described or under principles of inherency, in a single prior art reference. Further, “[t]he identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the...claim[s].” See M.P.E.P. § 2131 (8th Ed., Aug. 2001), quoting *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1126, 1236, 9 U.S.P.Q.2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). Finally, “[t]he elements must be arranged as required by the claim.” M.P.E.P. § 2131 (8th Ed. 2001), p. 2100-69.

Independent claim 6, as currently presented, recites a combination including:

designating a service to be used a basis for selecting devices;

selecting, on the basis of . . . acquired attribute information, one or more . . . detected communication devices capable of providing . . . [a] designated service; [and]

displaying the selected communication devices without displaying the detected devices that are not capable of providing the designated service

¹ The Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicants decline to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

Humpleman does not anticipate claim 6. *Humpleman* describes a system for “commanding and controlling diverse home devices” (Abstract). In the *Humpleman* system, a “session manager” displays a “device link page 710 that contains buttons 712 for each home device currently connected to the home network” (col. 14, lines 10-12). According to *Humpleman*, the session manager “obtains the particular capabilities” of a home device when a user selects that particular home device from the device link page 710 (col. 15, lines 65-67). The session manager then “continues to activate the respective device button” for devices having “a matching capability to the selected home device” (col. 15, line 65 – col. 16, line 16). For each device not having a matching capability, the session manager sets the respective button as non-responsive to user selection (col. 16, lines 16-21).

Humpleman does not teach each and every feature recited in claim 6. Selecting a displayed device button from a device link page, as described by *Humpleman* and noted by the Examiner, does not constitute “designating a service to be used a basis for selecting devices,” as claimed. Further, searching devices for those devices having “a matching capability to the selected device” and setting the respective buttons of non-matching devices as “non-responsive to user selection,” as described by *Humpleman*, does not teach the “selecting” and “displaying” features of claim 6 noted above. Indeed, *Humpleman* merely mentions deactivating devices which do not match a device selected by a user, whereas claim 6 recites “selecting, on the basis of . . . acquired attribute information, one or more . . . detected communication devices capable of providing . . . [a] designated service; [and] displaying the selected communication devices without displaying the detected devices that are not capable of providing the designated service.” For at least these reasons, *Humpleman* does not teach each and every feature recited in claim 6.

The claimed invention is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the references cited against this application. Applicants request the Examiner's reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks presented herein, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

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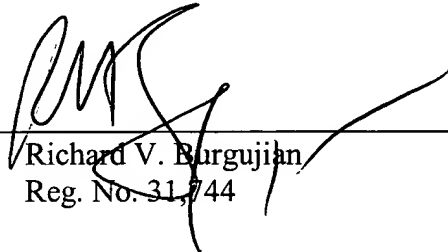
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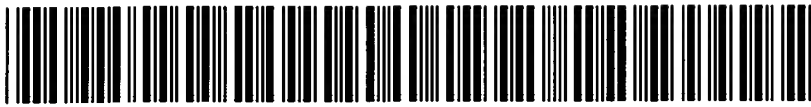
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